

a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the State of Delaware



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Sussex Co. WASTEWATER Facts

I. Relationship of Wastewater to Economic Development

Sufficient wastewater-management capacity and infrastructure is necessary to support Delaware's residential, commercial, and industrial sectors.

II. Existing Conditions and Trends

Presently there are four wastewater systems operated by the Sussex County Engineering Department.

Wastewater System	Existing Capacity	Future Capacity	Reserve Capacity
South Coastal	6.0 mgd	9 mgd (2007)	N/A
Inland Bays	1.3 mdg	N/A	N/A
Piney Neck	0.2 mgd	N/A	N/A
Wolfe Neck	4.0 mgd	N/A	N/A

III. Projections and Plans

The Sussex County Engineering Department is currently expanding the capacity of South Coastal Regional Wastewater Facility from its current 6 mgd to 9 mgd in 2007, a 3 mgd increase in additional sewer capacity.

IV. Identified Opportunities and Constraints

Economic growth in Sussex County depends on future plans to expand the regional wastewater systems to add public-sewer capacity to the service area around the Inland Bays region while adequately treating the wastewater discharge to protect the bay water quality.